GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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MOVEMENT OF FLIGHTS DURING FOGGY SEASON
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan for making some special arrangements to ensure safe and timely movement of flights during foggy season; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said plan is likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Civil Aviation has reviewed Fog Preparedness for the ensuing winter with the representatives of all concerned agencies. A Coordination Committee shall monitor the start up clearances to manage and prioritize the movement of flights during fog. Meteorological Department shall be providing timely forecast of fog and the trend on the forecast regarding visibility so as to make it available on the internet site. Indian Airlines has set up a Central Coordination Cell to monitor fog situation on all India basis and a system of Flight Information Dissemination through the Call Centre is operational at Delhi, Chennai and Bangalore. SMS service and broad casts through TV / FM Channel are being introduced on all India basis for giving information regarding delays, rescheduling, cancellation. Air India has prepared a Contingency Plan for ensuring timely movement of flights during Winter Season. Private Airlines are also taking measures to manage operations during fog to mitigate any inconvenience to passengers.

(d) Does not arise.